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Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Male. Adult (06-V).

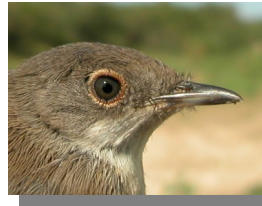
SARDINIAN WARBLER (*Curruca melanocephala*)

IDENTIFICATION

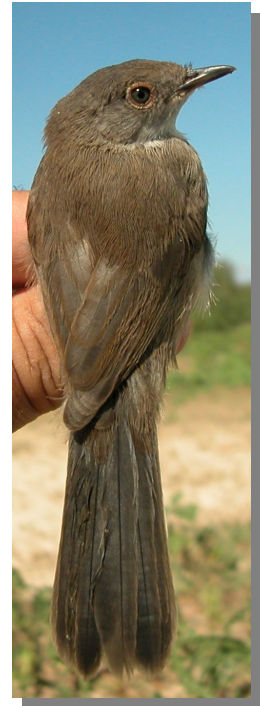
13-14 cm; wing between 55-63 mm. **Adult male** with black cap going under the eyes; grey upperparts; white underparts. **Adult female** with grey cap; upper and underparts brownish; eye-ring red (**males**) or orange (**females**); pale legs; 10th primary from 1 to 6 mm longer than primary coverts. In **juveniles**, **male** greyer than **female** and with paler outermost tail feathers.



Sardinian Warbler. Adult. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



Sardinian Warbler. Juvenile. Pattern of upperparts, head and length of 10th primary



SIMILAR SPECIES

Male recalls an **Orphean Warbler** which is bigger, lacks red eye-ring and has dark legs. **Juveniles** can be more difficult to determine: **Spectacled Warbler** has greater coverts, tertials and secondaries with broad buff edges; some with wing shorter than 55 mm; **Subalpine Warbler** has paler upperparts; flanks buff without grey; plumage is not fluffy; 10th primary with the same length than primary coverts.



Orphean Warbler.

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Subalpine Warbler



Spectacled Warbler



Sardinian Warbler. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: top male; bottom female.



Sardinian Warbler. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.

SEXING

Adult male with black head and grey upperparts. **Adult female** with greyish head and brown upperparts. Some extreme **juveniles** can be sexed before their **postjuvenile** moult: **male** with greyish pattern; outermost tail feathers dark glossy greyish. **Female** with brownish pattern; outermost tail feathers dark grey-buffish.



Sardinian Warbler. Juvenile. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: top male; bottom female.



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Sardinian Warbler. Juvenile. Sexing. Pattern of the outermost tail feather: left male; right female.

AGEING

4 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile without dark cap; iris dark; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn usually with moult limit on wing within greater coverts, tertials, secondaries or primaries, recognizable by contrast between greyer and fresh moulted feathers and paler dark brown **juvenile** retained. **CAUTION:** some **juveniles** have a complete **postjuvenile** moult (so check iris colour).

2nd year spring only if some **juvenile** primary coverts or flight feathers are retained, which will be very worn and bleached brown; reddish iris, sometimes tinged greyish.

Adult without moult limits on wing (**CAUTION:** this is true also with **postjuvenile** birds with complete moult) ; iris reddish or orange.

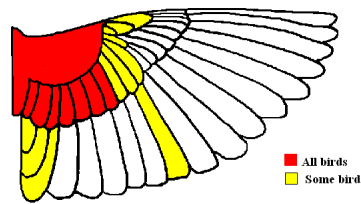
CAUTION: in **spring**, after **prebreeding** moult, both age classes have moult limits on wing, but birds that had a complete **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moult have unmoulted primary coverts and flight feathers little worn and quite grey.



Sardinian Warbler. Ageing. Pattern of head and iris colour: top adult female, bottom juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, most or all greater coverts, tertials and may or all tail feathers; some birds can have a complete moult; usually finished in September. Both age classes have a **prebreeding** moult, between December-March, including some inner greater coverts, tertials, inner secondaries and tail feathers.



Sardinian Warbler. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent from the coldest areas of the Pyrenees and Sistema Iberico and the most deforested zones of the Ebro Basin.



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Female. Adult (05-V).

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Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Male (05-V)



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Female. Juvenile (06-VII).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Female. 2nd year (19-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Adult. Head pattern: top male (06-V); bottom female (05-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Male. Juvenile (30-VI).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Head pattern: top male (05-V); bottom female (19-V).



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Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Juvenile. Head pattern: top male (30-VI); bottom female (06-VII).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (06-V); right female (05-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (06-V); right female (05-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (05-V); right female (19-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (05-V); right female (19-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Juvenile. Tail pattern: left male (30-VI); right female (06-VII).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (30-VI); right female (06-VII).

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Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (06-V); right female (05-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (30-VI); right female (09-VIII).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Upperparts pattern: left male (05-V); right female (19-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Legs pattern: left adult (15-IX); right juvenile (07-VII).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (06-V).

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Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (05-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (30-VI).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (05-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (06-VII).



Sardinian Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (19-V).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Male (20-IX).

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Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Female (17-XI).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Head pattern: top male (20-IX); bottom female 17-XI).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Male (15-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Head pattern: top male (15-IX); bottom female (20-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Female (20-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (20-IX); right female 17-XI).

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Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Breast pattern: left male (15-IX); right female (20-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (20-IX); right female 17-XI).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (20-IX); right female 17-XI).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (15-IX); right female (20-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (15-IX); right female (20-IX).

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Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (20-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (20-IX).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (17-XI).



Sardinian Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (15-IX).